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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in regards to the proposed Microsoft Anti-Trust Settlement, and my thoughts and feelings regarding this issue. As per the Tunney Act, I am formally submitting my opinions regarding this proposed settlement, and how it will affect the IT Community, and specifically the Open Source Community at large.

As a consumer, technician, and private developer regarding Open Source and Microsoft Products, I feel that the proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and the states involved in the lawsuit, and Microsoft Co. itself, is in need of revision. It is my opinion that some parts are worded incorrectly, and may either be too burdensome in some places, and too ineffectual in others.

To generalize, I believe that the Microsoft Corporation has wronged the American consumer, business, and computer user by engaging in anti-competitive behavior, partly because of their secrecy, lack of security, and poor design, and partly because of their wild marketing and sales of products that do not meet the advertising and expectations put forth by these departments (a.k.a. false advertising). I also believe that they have been a major component in setting back the continued development of computer science, program and Operating System design, and the study and applicative use of computers in the world around us in a scientific and academic environment.

It is my recommendation, as a U.S. Citizen, concerned technician, and Open Source advocate, that the proposed Microsoft Corp. Anti-Trust Settlement be revised to include certain items. I have reviewed and thoroughly considered Mr. Dan Kegel's Proposal (this proposal is located at the World Wide Web address <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy1.html> and <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>). I believe that these proposed changes tot the Settlement will be sufficient in ensuring that Microsoft Corp. cannot continue in anti-competitive behavior in the future, and will help to once again encourage growth and advancement in academic and business related computer and IT environments.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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